

IOWA ETHICS AND CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE BOARD

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Patricia Harper

IOWA ETHICS AND CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE BOARD MINUTES APRIL 1, 2008 OPEN SESSION

HELD BY PHONE FROM: Jessie Parker Building, 510 East 12th, Des Moines, Iowa

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Albert, Janet Carl, Gerald Sullivan, Betsy Roe,
Patricia Harper, John Walsh

STAFF PRESENT: W. Charles Smithson, Karen Hudson

A. CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order by Chair Albert at 4:20 p.m.

Pursuant to 21.8 of the Code of Iowa, the meeting was held telephonically because of the impossibility and impracticability of convening an in-person meeting in Des Moines to discuss two agenda items, as well as the urgency of moving the issues forward in advance of the next in-person meeting.

B. COMPLAINT BY IOWA DEMOCRATIC PARTY REGARDING ADVERTISEMENTS BY THE IOWA FUTURE FUND

Discussion was held and consensus reached that the advertisement did not contain “express advocacy” as defined in the campaign laws. Chairman Albert stated that there might be other laws at issue and asked for the Board to direct the Chair and Executive Director to conduct a review of the applicable laws under the Board’s jurisdiction and report back in May.

It was moved by Carl and seconded by Harper for the review and report to take place.
Motion carried.

Discussion held concerning HF580 and attempt to require disclosure of issue advocacy.
Board consensus was to take no official position on the legislation.

C. ADOPTION OF ADMINISTRATIVE RULES – It was moved by Sullivan and seconded by Harper and Roe to adopt the administrative rules. Motion carried.

1. 4.59(1) is amended to provide that a campaign report filed electronically that is late due to a problem with the electronic filing system will not be assessed a penalty.

2. 8.11(1) is amended to provide that lobbyist report delinquencies will be based on a year the lobbyist is registered and not a calendar year (the reports are filed quarterly meaning that the January report actually covers the last quarter of the previous year).
 3. 9.4(5) is amended to permit the Board to retain \$2.00 of any civil penalty for a late-filed report (that is not ultimately waived by the Board/court of law) to cover certain costs
- D. ADJOURNMENT – It was moved by Carl and seconded by Harper to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karen Hudson".

Karen Hudson
Secretary